

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 HELSIN 00866 281432Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-15 TRSE-00 OMB-01 /070 W
-----290207Z 029070 /73

R 281342Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1297
INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMCONSUL GOTEBORG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY OSLO
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

UNCLAS HELSINKI 0866

EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, ELAB, FI
SUBJECT: TALKS BETWEEN GOVT PARTIES AND LEFT ON ISSUES RELATING
TO FORMATION OF MAJORITY GOVT

REF: HELSINKI 0817

1. TALKS HELD APRIL 22 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE
CENTRIST GOVT PARTIES WITH REPS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
(SDP) AND COMMUNIST ELECTION-FRONT ORGANIZATION SKDL WERE
INCONCLUSIVE. IT WAS SUGGESTED AT MEETING THAT WORKING
GROUPS BE ESTABLISHED TO EXPLORE QUESTIONS ON WHICH THERE
DISAGREEMENT AMONG PARTIES, BUT NO CONCRETE DECISIONS WERE
MADE. IT WAS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ADDITIONAL TALKS
WILL BE HELD EARLY IN MAY.

2. INFLUENTIAL INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER HELSINGIN SANOMAT IN
APRIL 23 EDITORIAL CALLED FOR PROMPT RESIGNATION OF CURRENT
MINORITY GOVT TO IMPROVE CLIMATE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO
FORM MAJORITY GOVT. SDP POLITICIANS REPEATED SAME THEME
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 HELSIN 00866 281432Z

DURING THEIR WEEKEND SPEECHES APRIL 23-24. CENTER PARTY
GOVERNING COUNCIL MET OVER WEEKEND AND ISSUED COMMUNIQUE
STATING THAT COUNTRY'S CONTINUING ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES
MAKE NECESSARY THE FORMATION OF MAJORITY GOVT BETWEEN
CENTER GROUPS AND LEFT. CENTER PARTY CHAIRMAN JOHANNES
VIROLAINEN ADDRESSING PARTY MEETING THANKED CONSERVATIVE
PARTY AND CHRISTIAN LEAGUE FOR THEIR PARLIAMENTARY

SUPPORT BUT SAID IT NOT IN FINLAND'S LONG-TERM INTEREST
TO HAVE POLITICAL DIVISION ALONG RIGHT/LEFT LINES. HE
CALLED MAJORITY GOVT WITH SDP ONLY REAL ALTERNATIVE.

3. PRESS REPORTS APRIL 25 INDICATED THAT PRES KEKKONEN
BEHIND SCENES HAS VOICED CONCERN OVER DETERIORATION IN
RELATIONS BETWEEN CENTRIST GROUPS AND SDP AND HAS URGED THEM
COME TO AGREEMENT ON LAND PACKAGE ISSUE WHICH CURRENTLY
IS MOST VISIBLE POINT OF DISPUTE. VIROLAINEN IN APRIL 25
TV INTERVIEW CONFIRMED THAT PRES KEKKONEN HAS VOICED
SERIOUS HOPES SDP AND CENTER PARTY CAN COME TO AGREEMENT
ON LAND PACKAGE QUESTION. A NEW COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ON
THIS MATTER HAS BEEN PREPARED, REPORTEDLY AT KEKKONEN'S
INITIATIVE. VIROLAINEN ASKED FOR NEW TALKS WITH SDP ON
LAND PACKAGE LEGISLATION FOR APRIL 28. SDP LEADERS
SORSA AND SUNDQVIST RETURN TO FINLAND FROM SOVIET UNION
EVENING OF APRIL 28; NO ACTION IS EXPECTED UNTIL THEY
HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ISSUE.
HOUSTON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COALITION GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL PARTIES, PARTY MEETINGS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 28-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977HELSIN00866
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770149-0553
Format: TEL
From: HELSINKI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770410/aaaaaiht.tel
Line Count: 81
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 31e7b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 HELSINKI 817
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2661485
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TALKS BETWEEN GOVT PARTIES AND LEFT ON ISSUES RELATING TO FORMATION OF MAJORITY GOVT
TAGS: PINT, ELAB, FI
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/31e7b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009